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FORM PTO-1390 ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (REV 5-93) PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE 103120-00071 DATE: December 12, 2005 TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 (IF KNOWN, SEE 37 C.F.R. 1.5) INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED PCT/FR2004/050273 June 11, 2004 June 12, 2003 METHOD FOR MANAGING A CONTINUOUS IN-LINE METAL STRIP PROCESSING INSTALLATION, TITLE OF INVENTION: AND INSTALLATION FOR IMPLEMENTING THIS METHOD APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Daniel SYLVAIN (Paris, France) Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. The U.S. has been elected (Article 31). A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)] a. \(\sigma\) is attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. An English language translation of the International Application into English [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]. a. is attached hereto. b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)] a. are attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. have not been made and will not be made. 8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]. 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)]. 10. An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)]. Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included: 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, PTO/SB/08a, and International Search Report. 12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included. A preliminary amendment. 14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76. 15. A substitute specification. 16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825. 18. A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. Applicant herein qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27, and acknowledgement of this status by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby requested. Other items or information: Drawings (Figs. 5; 3 sheets), Certification of Translation, PCT/IB/304 (copy), PCT/IB/308 (copy), PCT/IB/371 (copy), WO 2004/110663 A1 (copy)

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